STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 2015 marks the 30th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a season to educate women and men about breast cancer and the importance of early detection through mammography; and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, a projected 231,840 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed across the United States in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, 40,290 women are estimated to lose their lives to breast cancer in the year 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program offers free breast exams and mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program served 19,944 women with free breast and cervical cancer screenings in FY 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program is projected to serve 13,052 women in Illinois with cancer screening and diagnostic services in FY 2016; and,

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women; and,

WHEREAS, the best chance for detecting breast cancer early is through mammography screening, and earlier detection gives higher survival rates; and,

WHEREAS, since 1993, the United States has recognized the third Friday in October as National Mammography Day;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and October 16, 2015, as **MAMMOGRAPHY DAY** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join me in the continued fight against breast cancer.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this _____SECOND_____ day of _____OCTOBER_____, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and _____FIFTEEN_____, and of the State of Illinois, one hundred and _____NINETY-SEVENTH_____.

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR